



# Citizen Connection

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Spring/Summer 2013



## Greetings from the Mayor ~

Excitement is growing throughout the City and region! We are in the final stages of preparation for the commemoration of our City's involvement in the War of 1812. One of the notable battles of this war took place on May 3, 1813 with the attack and burning of our City by British Forces. Please mark your calendar for the weekend of May 3-5. Many special events have been planned for you to help us relive this moment in history ... and to appreciate how far we have come! Also on the first weekend in May, enjoy the 32nd Annual Decoy & Wildlife Festival, our widely recognized tribute to the craft of decoy carving.

Although we celebrate many events, the day to day operation of the City remains at the forefront. Fiscal responsibility is our guide as we move forward with important projects and timelines. The renovation of the Opera House, breaking ground for a wellness park behind Citizen's Care Center, street paving, infrastructure replacements, land acquisition to expand our waterfront property, improvement to the School Resource Officer program, and attending to citizens' concerns are just a few examples of tasks before us everyday. As a City, we have come a long way since May 3, 1813. We have much to celebrate...and I look forward to observing our City's War of 1812 Bicentennial with you!

Please visit: [www.havredegracemd.com](http://www.havredegracemd.com)  
for the latest information about our City!  
You are most welcome to attend City Council  
Meetings - 7pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays.

*Wayne H. Dougherty*

**Mayor, City of Havre de Grace**  
[wayned@havredegracemd.com](mailto:wayned@havredegracemd.com)



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## **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 is ELECTION DAY in HAVRE DE GRACE!**

Elections for Havre de Grace Mayor and City Council will be held at  
**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH HALL** on Pennington Ave. from **7am to 8pm**.

### **ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

Voter Registration Forms must be received  
**by April 17, 2013, 5:00 p.m.** at the  
**Office of the Harford County Board of Elections**  
133 Industry Lane  
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

Forms available at:  
City Hall, HC Library and [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us)

### **INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION**

**CARNIVAL: July 2 ~ July 6**  
6PM - 10:30PM

**July 6th Schedule of Events:**  
2:00 pm *Parade - Union Ave.*  
4:00 pm *Carnival in the Park*  
7:00 pm *Concert in the Park*  
9:15 pm *Fireworks at the Park*

# Introducing

## The Havre de Grace City Council

**We the People ~ For the People ~ By the People**

Elections are held every year in the month of May - each year three Council seats are voted upon, the next year it is the Mayor and the other three Council seats.

All are 2-year elected positions.

**(Year last elected is noted after each name.)**

## Committee Appointments

The Council President appoints Council Members to committees to help ensure City Laws and Ordinances are understood and followed. Each committee consists of at least three Council Members, one serving as the Chair. The Mayor appoints Council members to serve as liaison to the commissions and advisory boards as defined by the City Charter.

**\* denotes COMMITTEE CHAIR**

(Mayor Dougherty, Elected May 2011, serves as liaison to: HdG Chamber of Commerce, HdG Main Street, Inc. and the HdG Museum Alliance)

### Randolph E. Craig - May 2011

**Council President**

[randyc@havredegracemd.com](mailto:randyc@havredegracemd.com)



\* Administrative Committee  
Budget & Finance Committee  
Public Works Committee

Council Liaison to:  
Arts Commission, RAD Loan App.  
Review, HdG Rec Council,  
Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee

### John Correrri - May 2011

[johnc@havredegracemd.com](mailto:johnc@havredegracemd.com)



\* Budget & Finance Committee  
Planning Committee  
Public Safety Committee

Council Liaison to:  
Tourism Advisory Board,  
Water & Sewer Commission

### David Glenn - May 2012

[davidg@havredegracemd.com](mailto:davidg@havredegracemd.com)



\* Public Safety Committee  
Administrative Committee  
Parks & Harbor Committee

Council Liaison to:  
Street & Safety Advisory Board,  
War of 1812 Bicentennial,  
Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee,  
Bd. of Ed. & Harford Co. Council

### William T. Martin- May 2012

[billm@havredegracemd.com](mailto:billm@havredegracemd.com)



\* Parks & Harbor Committee  
Administrative Committee  
Public Safety Committee

Council Liaison to:  
Appearance & Preservation  
Commission (Historic), Museums,  
War of 1812 Bicentennial,  
Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee

### Joseph Smith - May 2012

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\* Public Works Committee  
Budget & Finance Committee  
Planning Committee

Council Liaison to:  
Economic Development Board,  
Water & Sewer Commission,  
War of 1812 Bicentennial,  
Greenways

### Barbara Wagner - May 2011

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\* Planning Committee  
Public Works Committee  
Parks & Harbor Committee

Council Liaison to:  
Planning Commission,  
Marina Commission,  
Municipal Tree Commission

# Office of Economic Development

Meghan M. Simmons, Manager  
410-939-1800 x 1119

Old City Hall  
to become, once again

## THE OPERA HOUSE

*The only historic public  
theater and fine arts space  
of its kind  
in Harford County...  
is right here in  
Havre de Grace!*



The City of Havre de Grace is moving forward with plans to renovate the Opera House theater so that it may be utilized to its full potential as a performing arts venue as well as a multi-use performance facility. Renovations will include a total rehabilitation of the existing second floor theater, building of an atrium enclosure between the Opera House and the neighboring Firehouse that will serve as the lobby entrance as well as an elevator making the second floor ADA accessible. The scope of the atrium addition, and first and second floor renovations are as follows:

- New elevator, stairway, and public and support entrances that will bring the building into ADA compliance
- New ADA compliant restrooms
- Open historic staircase
- Creation of first floor lobby, dressing rooms, box office and rehearsal space
- New theater seating in new configuration and constructing seating risers
- Audio visual, lighting and theatrical equipment
- Mechanical and electrical upgrades to first floor, second floor, and theater space
- Masonry repair, restore windows and exterior doors

The end result of the renovations will be a completely refurbished second floor proscenium theater which will be ADA accessible allowing far greater usage of the space and increased guest capacity. In addition to fine arts productions, this 200 seat venue will be used as a movie theatre and lecture hall by many regional organizations and government agencies. The new lobby space will highlight the arts, entertainment, and heritage of Havre de Grace. The first floor will also house a box office, restrooms, and rehearsal space.

## Welcome New Businesses!

**Concord Point Coffee**  
217 N. Washington St.  
[www.concordpointcoffee.com](http://www.concordpointcoffee.com)

**Crossfit Havre de Grace**  
516 Young St.  
[www.crossfithavredegrace.com](http://www.crossfithavredegrace.com)

**Spa Bellezza, LLC**  
205 N. Stokes St.  
[www.spabellezzamd.com](http://www.spabellezzamd.com)

**The Marinas  
at HdG Marine Center**  
401 Concord St. & 723 Water St.  
[www.hdgmarinecenter.com](http://www.hdgmarinecenter.com)

## GRANT FUNDS ~Investing in Our City~

The MD 763 Streetscape  
Project has begun!

**You will see:** Sidewalk improvements along MD 763 from Mt. Zion Church to Juniata St., Newly planted street trees and shrubs, Steel railings replaced over the Fountain Run culvert, 8 new streetlamps, Fence removal & clean-up!

## ANNOUNCING

**“MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN  
in the I-95 Business Corridor”**



Meghan Simmons



Cathy Vincenti

**Meghan M. Simmons**, Economic Development Manager and **Cathy Vincenti**, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, were honored with being recognized as **“Most Influential Women in the I-95 Business Corridor”**.

A total of ten women were recognized in the February/March 2013 edition of I-95 Business Magazine as, “providing catalytic leadership” in their role in government, economic development agencies, and chambers of commerce.

For a complete list of those recognized, visit [www.i95business.com](http://www.i95business.com)



# Department of Public **WORKS** Larry F. Parks, Director 410-939-1800 x 1107

## **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION**

Water Main Break,  
Sewer Back-up,  
Extreme Weather,  
Missing Person?



In Case of  
Emergency,  
Can We  
Reach You?

Your Choice - Any or  
All of the following:

**Home phone,  
cell phone, email**

To be added to the  
Emergency Call List:  
Contact City Hall at  
410-939-1800 x-1130  
with your  
Name, Address and  
Contact Information

## **Spring Clean-up Days**

*For the junk you need to get rid of ...  
that is not yard sale or thrift shop worthy!*

**APRIL 20 and APRIL 27\***

\*paper shredder on-site

**8:00am-noon**

Multiple dumpsters located on grounds of  
the HdG Community Center  
100 Lagaret Lane  
(From Rt. 155, to Graceview Dr, to Quarry Rd.)

- **HdG Residents Only, No Commercial Haulers**
- **Must show Proof of Residency**
- **No Hazardous Materials**

**Waste Industries will take household items  
such as:**

mattresses,  
furniture,  
tires without rims,  
appliances,  
recyclables,  
yard waste,  
toilets,  
and other items.



This service is offered to Residents of Havre de Grace only.  
Dumpsters provided by Waste Industries.

## **YARD WASTE ~REMINDER~**

Yard Waste  
is collected  
every Friday,  
all year round.

**Grass clippings or  
leaves are NOT to be  
blown or swept into  
the street.**

Please **bag or loosely  
pack** yard waste in the  
container for pick-up.

**Tie branches  
in bundles ~**  
not over 50 pounds  
in weight,  
not longer than 4 ft,  
not wider than  
2 feet in diameter.

Per City Code:  
**§ 162-5.**  
Refuse prohibitions.

## **BACKFLOW PREVENTION ~ What is it? What does this mean for you?**

### **Background:**

To prevent contamination to the  
City's water supply, the City is  
required by State Law to have a  
"closed system".

A closed system is in place to:  
prevent contaminated water from  
getting into the City's water supply.  
With a closed system, the pipes in  
your home may be impacted.

### **What does this mean for you?**

When water is heated by your hot  
water tank, it naturally expands...  
sometimes as much as 3-4 gallons.  
**With a closed system, these extra  
3-4 gallons have no place to go.**  
This causes extreme pressure on  
your water pipes.  
**When the pressure builds, it may  
cause your pipes to burst!**

### **Can You Prevent Pipes from Bursting?**

You can prevent your pipes from  
bursting by installing a **Thermal  
Expansion Tank**. This tank serves as  
an overflow container for the heated  
water. It holds the water for future  
use...which is a cost saver.  
The Thermal Expansion Tank reduces  
wear and tear on your safety valves,  
valve stems, and ball seals.

**National Plumbing Code now requires Thermal Expansion Tanks.  
It can be easily installed by your local Licensed Plumber.**

## Department of Planning

Neal Mills, Director 410-939-1800 x 1122

### Spring Cleaning? It's That Time of Year!

Take a few moments to familiarize yourself with City Code -

#### Chapter 140: Property Maintenance

#### Chapter 31: International Property Maintenance Code

#### You'll find information on:

- Control of Weeds and Grass
- Storage of Material
- Storage of Junk, Motor Vehicles, Appliances and Furniture
- ... and more!

Visit: [www.havredegracemd.com](http://www.havredegracemd.com)  
Click on: Government Info.,  
Then, Click on: City Code

Before  
You Dig



CALL  
MISS  
UTILITY  
800-257-7777

### Are You Planning Home Improvement Projects? You May Need a PERMIT.

Contact 410-939-1800 x1102

PROJECT	PERMIT FEE
Fence or Shed	\$50
Garage	\$100
Deck	\$75
Screen Room	\$75 - \$100
Addition	\$350 minimum
Pool (Above Ground)	\$50
Pool (In Ground)	\$100
Interior Renovation	\$75
Framing, Insulation	\$75 - \$200
Demolition	\$100 - \$150
Dumpster (On Street)	\$50

Also within the Department of Public Works ~

## Waste Water Treatment Plant

Do you ever wonder what happens to the waste water that leaves your home or business? Most of us go about our daily lives and never give it a second thought.

The Plant is a fascinating place to visit!

**Consider arranging a tour for your group.** You will learn how the waste water is carefully prepared for return to the Chesapeake Bay and how the removed solids are recycled into free compost for the yard.

**To schedule a Tour for your group or to pick-up FREE COMPOST for your yard, please call the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 410-939-1220**



**Need to Dispose of  
Used Motor Oil  
or Anti-Freeze?**

**Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

The City offers a recycling center for anti-freeze and motor oil outside the gate of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

*Directions: From Revolution St. to Seneca Ave. to Wilson St. to end of Jerry Foster Way.*

# City Yacht Basin and Waterfront Parks

Steve Young, Manager  
410-939-0015  
stevey@havredegracemd.com



## KAYAKS & CANOES - We have launch sites for YOU!

**At the City Yacht Basin** - Located at Commerce Street & Tydings Park  
**Hutchins Park** - end of Congress Street now has a transient pier with a floating dock for kayak and canoe launches

**Jean Roberts Park** - located on Water Street  
Launch your kayak and canoes for free or a \$5 fee for boats on a trailer.

## City Yacht Basin Boat Ramp -

- Boat ramp is 2 lanes wide.
- \$10 boat launch fee for in and out of state.  
No fee for kayaks or canoes.
- There are parking spaces in the center of the lot for tow vehicles with trailers.
- Boaters may leave their tow vehicle and trailer overnight. Tow vehicle must be attached to the trailer.

User should notify the attendant if it will be left overnight. Call **410-939-0015** or e-mail: stevey@havredegracemd.com



\* **Waiting List** - We may have a slip for your size vessel.

Call **410-939-0015** or e-mail: stevey@havredegracemd.com

**Services include:** Gasoline and diesel fuel, bait, ice, newspapers - sanitary marine pump out - showers for slip users - "Promenade Grill" Outdoor Restaurant - transient docking - annual rental of 240 slips\*

## Rates: Jan 1 - Dec. 31, 2013

Annual Rental Fees are \$55/foot

Launching Ramp Fee is \$10 per launch

Transient Slips are \$1.50/foot per night

## FISH for FUN, FISH for FREE at City Yacht Basin, Hutchins Park Fishing Pier, and Pier next to Heron Harbor

Note: All other waterfront locations require a fishing license. Contact: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries>



Enjoy a relaxing stroll ~

Please help keep the Promenade a safe pathway for all.

- **Open from Dawn to Dusk.**
- **Please do not feed the waterfowl.**  
*The signage explains why feeding the waterfowl is dangerous to our fine, feathered friends.*
- **Roller blades and skateboards are not permitted.**
- **Bicycles not permitted after 10am.**
- **Dogs, other than Service Animals, are not allowed on the Promenade.**



## WELLNESS PARK

**Coming this Spring to Concord Street**

*Plans are underway for a lovely exercise park to be located in the field behind Citizen's Nursing Home.*

The artist's rendition (**John Allen**, City Groundskeeper) envisions people enjoying the meandering pathway.

Along the way, low impact exercise stations will be placed inviting people of all ages to strengthen their body.



Need a rest?  
This park will also feature  
benches for you to "sit a spell".



As you relax, enjoy the sounds of nature along the brook ~  
a cleverly designed storm water quality control device.



**Department of Finance** George M. DeHority, Director 410-939-1800 x 1105

- Accounts Payable • Accounts Receivable • Water and Sewer Billing and Collection
- Tax Billing and Collection • Investment Management • Debt Management

### **Shopping for a Water Service to Fill Your Pool?**

Prices for water service to fill your pool vary greatly.

Don't forget to contact the City of Havre de Grace.

Using City water may be the least expensive choice of all.

For help calculating the cost, call 410-939-1800 x1109.





# Citizen Connection

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## Helpful Contacts

Contact	Phone
City Hall of Havre de Grace	410-939-1800
Police Department- HdG	410-939-2121
Hospital - Harford Memorial	443-843-5000
U.S. Post Office	410-939-2335
Water Plant	410-939-1070
Wastewater Plant	410-939-1220
HdG Elementary School	410-939-6616
HdG Middle School	410-939-6608
HdG High School	410-939-6600
Meadowvale Elementary	410-939-6622
Parks & Rec - Activity Center	410-939-6724
Chamber of Commerce - HdG	410-939-3303
Miss Utility	800-257-7777
Baltimore Gas & Electric	410-685-0123 or 1-800-685-0123
Comcast   Verizon	410-272-7500   1-800-837-4966
Health Dept-Harford Co.	410-838-1500
Pet License - Harford County	410-638-3505
Sheriff's Office-Harford Co.	410-838-6600
Voter Registration	410-638-3565